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In Re the Application of:

WEEKS et al.

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For: "METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR
MAKING AND USING
TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-
DEGRADING ORGANISMS"

) Group Art Unit: 1638

) Examiner: D. Kruse

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 8-20, 25-35, 40-43, 45-46 and 49.

Amend Claims 1-2, 4-5, 21-22, 36-37, 44 and 47-48 to read as follows:

1. (Amended Once) An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase.
2. (Amended Once) The DNA molecule of Claim 1 comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
4. (Amended Once) A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase operatively linked to expression control sequences.
5. (Amended Once) The DNA construct of Claim 4 comprising a DNA sequence encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
21. (Amended Once) A transgenic host cell comprising DNA encoding a dicamba-degrading oxygenase, said DNA being operatively linked to expression control sequences.